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Dear DOJ.

Microsoft's illegally acquired dominance in computer operating systems is enabling them to dominate network protocols and services.

From both a personal and professional standpoint I would strongly urge the DOJ to pursue the strongest possible punishment so that Microsoft is rendered incapable of controlling the future of the Internet.

For example, Microsoft products should be disqualified from any tax-funded technology use within the US Federal government, including all Federal employee computing and federally funded educational technology programs. Alternative operating system and application software developers would then have a significant opportunity to recover from Microsoft's anti-competitive crimes.

The wealth Microsoft has generated is a pittance compared to the costs associated with de facto use of their mediocre technology and the untold lost opportunities for productivity improvement and technological advancement that an even playing field would have allowed.

The more the DOJ does to eliminate Microsoft's ability to propagate proprietary technology, the better the world of technology will be for the citizens of this country.

Sincerely,

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